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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Arellano, Aaron G.

APPLICATION No.: 10/730,460

FILED: DECEMBER 8, 2003

FOR: TEMPERATURE-CONTROLLED FLEXIBLE OPTICAL
CIRCUIT FOR USE IN AN ERBIUM-DOPED FIBER
AMPLIFIER AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE
FLEXIBLE OPTICAL CIRCUIT

EXAMINER: TINA M. WONG

ART UNIT: 2874

CONFIRMATION No: 2907

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RESPONSE

Madam:

This Response to Office Action, which is filed with an accompanying REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION, is responsive to the Final Office Action from the Examiner dated November 17, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated March 6, 2006. This Response and the accompanying REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION are filed within six months of the mailing date of the Office Action.

One Month Extension—Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), the Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. This extension will extend the response due date to Friday, March 17, 2006.

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